

### **REMARKS**

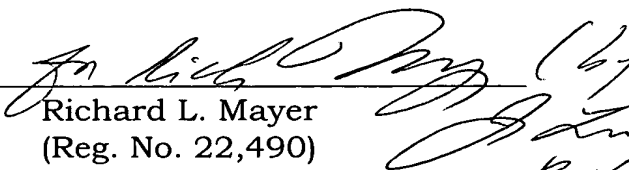
Amongst claims 14-26 addressed by the Examiner in the Office Action, claims 14 and 24 were rejected as being anticipated by EP 0992388; claims 14-16 and 24 were rejected as being anticipated by Elliot et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,725,921); and claims 17-23, 25 and 26 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicants have made the following amendments: claim 14 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 17, as well as including the limitations of intervening claims 15 and 16; and claim 24 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 25. Claims 15, 16, 17 and 25 have been canceled. Claims 18 and 21 have been amended to depend from claim 14, and claim 26 has been amended to depend from claim 24. Accordingly, amended claims 14 and 24, as well as their dependent claims 18-23 and 26, are in allowable condition.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request prompt consideration and allowance of the application.

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